

61 wherein said first central axis is separated from said second central axis by an angle of approximately 180 degrees in order for said first ditch portion and said second ditch portion to be arranged so that when said ring is put on any finger of a hand of a wearer of said ring except a thumb and a little finger thereof in such a manner that said outer surface of said first stone is on a back of said hand of said wearer of said ring, said outer surface of said second stone is on a palm side of said hand of said wearer of said ring and not seen from said back of said hand of said wearer of said ring, and that when said ring is put on said any finger of said hand of said wearer of said ring except said thumb and said little finger thereof in such a manner that said outer surface of said second stone is on said back of said hand of said wearer of said ring, said outer surface of said first stone is on said palm side and not seen from said back of said hand of said wearer of said ring.

3. (Amended) The ring according to claim ~~16~~<sup>17</sup>, wherein said first stone is a diamond.

<sup>a</sup> 8. (Twice Amended) The ring according to claim ~~18~~<sup>8</sup>, further comprising:

a first central axis which connects a center of a bottom surface of said first ditch portion and a center of curvature of both an outer surface of said ring and an inner surface of said ring;

62 a second central axis which connects a center of a bottom surface of said plurality of second ditch portions and said center of curvature of both said outer and inner surfaces of said ring, wherein said first central axis is separated from said second central axis by an angle of approximately 180 degrees in order for said first ditch portion and said plurality of second ditch portions to be arranged so that when said ring is put on any finger of a hand of a wearer of said ring except a thumb and a little finger thereof in such a manner that said outer surface of said stone is on a back of said hand of said wearer of said ring, said initials are on a palm side and not seen from said back of said hand of said wearer of said ring, and that

when said ring is put on any of finger of a hand of a wearer of said ring except said thumb and said little finger thereof in such a manner that said initials are on said back of said hand of said wearer of said ring, said outer surface of said stone is on said palm side and not seen from said back of said hand of said wearer of said ring.

B2 <sup>10</sup>9. (Amended) The ring according to claim <sup>8</sup>18, wherein said stone is a diamond.

<sup>11</sup>10. (Amended) The ring according to claim <sup>8</sup>18, wherein said stone is a sapphire.

<sup>12</sup>11. (Amended) The ring according to claim <sup>8</sup>18, wherein said stone is a ruby.

<sup>13</sup>12. (Amended) The ring according to claim <sup>8</sup>18, wherein said stone is an emerald.

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B3 <sup>15</sup>14. (Amended) The ring according to claim <sup>14</sup>19, wherein

an exposed outer surface of at least one of said first stone and said second stone does not jut from the corresponding ditch portion of said first ditch portion and said second ditch portion.

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<sup>1</sup>16. (Amended) A ring comprising:

B4 a band consisting essentially of a first portion, a second portion facing said first portion, and a third portion and a fourth portion each being between said first portion and said second portion, said first portion having a first ditch portion formed from an outer surface thereof toward an inside thereof, said second portion having a second ditch portion formed from the outer surface thereof toward an inside thereof, said first ditch portion and said second ditch portion facing each other;

a first stone fitted into said first ditch portion; and

a second stone which differs in material from said first stone and is fitted into said second ditch portion, wherein

an exposed outer surface of said first stone does not jut from said first ditch portion,

an exposed outer surface of said second stone does not jut from said second ditch portion,

said third portion and said fourth portion do not have any ditch portion and any stone arranged therein, and

only a single stone is fitted into said first ditch portion.

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17. (Amended) The ring according to claim 16, wherein only a single stone is fitted into said second ditch portion.

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18. (Amended) A ring comprising:

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a band consisting essentially of a first portion, a second portion facing said first portion, and a third portion and a fourth portion each being between said first portion and said second portion, said first portion having a first ditch portion formed from an outer surface thereof toward an inside thereof, said second portion having a plurality of second ditch portions formed from the outer surface thereof toward an inside thereof and arranged separately from each other along said outer surface of said second portion; and

a stone fitted into said first ditch portion, wherein

an exposed outer surface of said stone does not jut from said first ditch portion,

said plurality of second ditch portions form a person's initials recognized when seen from above,

said third portion and said fourth portion do not have any ditch portion and any stone arranged therein, and

only a single stone is fitted into said first ditch portion.

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19. (Amended) A ring comprising:

a band comprising a first portion, a second portion facing said first portion, and a third portion and a fourth portion each being between said first portion and said second

portion, said band having a first ditch portion formed from an outer surface of said first portion toward an inside of said first portion, and a second ditch portion formed from an outer surface of said second portion toward an inside of said second portion, said second ditch portion facing said first ditch portion;

a first stone fitted into said first ditch portion; and

B4 a second stone which differs in material from said first stone and is fitted into said second ditch portion, wherein

said third portion and said fourth portion do not have any ditch portion and any stone arranged therein, and

C only a single stone is fitted into said first ditch portion.

B5 20. (New) The ring according to claim 19, wherein only a single stone is fitted into said second ditch portion.

#### REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and the accompanying discussion below, is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-6, 8-12, and 14-20 are pending in this application, claims 1, 7, and 13 having been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 2, 3, 8-12, 14, and 16-19 having been amended, and new claim 20 have been added, by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 2, 8, and 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, claims 1-6 and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tessler* in view of *the Abstract of Japanese Patent Publication No. 410075809A* (hereinafter "*Abstract of JP '809*"), claims 7-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tessler* in view of *Abstract of JP '809* and *Kirshbaum*, and it was noted that claims 16-19 would be allowable if